



Linking Early Childhood and Refugee Resettlement Networks -Resource List

Child Care Aware®

State by State Resources

<http://childcareaware.org/node/1405>

Select a state to connect with resources such as, state child care licensing offices, financial assistance programs, health and social services and more. Phone numbers and websites are provided for each resource.

Child Care Search Tool

<http://childcareaware.org/>

Free Child Care Search tool. Simply enter your zip code and your local CCR&R agency will be provided.

Getting Started: Becoming a Provider

<http://www.childcareaware.org/child-care-providers/getting-started>

There are many things to consider before you decide to open a child care business. These Provider Pages give you information to help you make this important decision and getting started.

Meet Alex the Bear

<http://www.childcareaware.org/parents-and-guardians/helpful-tools/meet-alex-the-bear>

Alex the Bear is a short three minute video that seeks to make the transition to child care exciting, enjoyable and a lot of fun! Join Alex as he prepares for his first adventure in child care.

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Early Childhood Development

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Interdepartmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development (ECD) promotes a joint approach to improving the availability of high quality early learning and development programs. It is made up of the Office of Head Start, the Office of Child Care, and the Interagency Team. For *ECD Newsletter* Sign-up and information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd>

Office of Child Care

The Office of Child Care (OCC) supports low-income families by providing access to affordable, high-quality early care and afterschool programs. OCC also promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs. OCC administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and works with state, territory and tribal governments to provide support for children and their families juggling work schedules and struggling to find child care programs that will fit their needs and that will prepare children to succeed in school. Nearly 500,000 child care providers serve 1.5 million low-income children who receive subsidies each month. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/programs/child-care>

Through the Office of Child Care's [Child Care Technical Assistance Network \(CCTAN\)](#) and federal leadership, the OCC provides training and technical assistance to states, territories, tribes and local communities. This involves assessing Child Care and Development Fund grantees' needs, identifying innovations in child care administration, and promoting the dissemination and replication of solutions to the challenges that grantees and local child care programs face. Our technical assistance helps states, territories, tribes and local communities build integrated child care systems that enable parents to work and promote the health and development of children. As of Oct. 1, 2012, OCC's Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) is comprised of:

- [Child Care Aware](#)
- [Child Care & Early Education Research Connections](#)
- [Child Care Communications Management Center](#)
- [Child Care State Systems Specialist Network](#)



- [Healthy Child Care America](#)
- [National Center on Child Care Data and Technology](#)
- [National Center on Child Care Professional Development Systems and Workforce Initiatives](#)
- [National Center on Child Care Quality Improvement](#)
- [National Center on Child Care Subsidy Innovation and Accountability](#)
- [National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation](#)

Health, Safety & Licensing Topics

Click on each topic below for more information and additional resources compiled by the Office of Child Care and CCTAN.

- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Immunizations](#)
- [Medication Administration](#)
- [Healthy Weight & Nutrition](#)
- [Social-Emotional Health, Developmental & Behavioral Screenings](#)
- [Safe Sleep & Crib Safety](#)
- [Injury Prevention, Transportation & Playground Safety](#)
- [Environmental Health](#)
- [Oral Health](#)
- [Background Checks](#)
- [Monitoring](#)
- [Licensing Standards](#)
- [Ratios & Groups Size](#)
- [Staffing Requirements](#)
- [Types of Facilities & Exemptions](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness](#)

Office of Head Start

[Head Start](#) is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Over a million children are served by Head Start programs every year, including children in every U.S. state and territory and in American Indian and Alaskan Native communities. Since 1965, nearly 30 million low-income children and their families have received these comprehensive services to increase their school readiness. Head Start programs offer a variety of service models, depending on the needs of the local community.

The Office of Head Start (OHS) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) system supports program staff in their delivery of quality services to children and families.

The current system consists of three levels of T/TA: national, state or regional, and grantee. While each level has distinct and unique functions, they are designed to complement each other. Structured, high-quality T/TA best supports the school readiness of all children and families. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs>

Leading the delivery of T/TA at the national level are six centers:

- [The National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations](#)
- [The Early Head Start National Resource Center](#)
- [The National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning](#)
- [The National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement](#)
- [The National Center on Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness](#)
- [The National Center on Health](#)

Click on each topic below for more information and additional resources compiled by the Office of Head Start:

- **Head Start Locator** <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>



- **National Center on Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness** *NCCLR provides the Head Start community with research-based information, practices, and strategies to ensure optimal academic and social progress for linguistically and culturally diverse children and their families.* <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center>
 - **Refugee Families** <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/refugee-families.html>
(Includes resources such as: A Handbook on 'Raising Young Children in a New Country' offered in English, Arabic, and Spanish versions; Head Start and Refugee Provider Communication Guide; Cultural Background Fact Sheets; and more).
- **Head Start Policy & Regulation** *Head Start program performance standards and other regulations, program instructions, and policy clarifications:* <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/Head%20Start%20Requirements/1301>

Office of Refugee Resettlement

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides new populations with opportunities to maximize their potential in the United States, linking people in need to critical resources to assist them in becoming integrated members of U.S. American society.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr>

Key ORR links to facilitate a valuable partnership with the refugee resettlement community:

- ORR Partners (including State/Regional contacts and Voluntary/resettlement agencies): <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/about/collaborations-and-partnerships>
- ORR Online Funding Map and Grantee Contacts: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/state-programs-annual-overview>
- ORR Fact Sheets (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/spotlight#fact-sheets>)
- ORR Events Calendar (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/events>)
- [ORR Listserv Sign-Up](#) (bottom right hand side of ORR home page).

ORR Network Resources

- Find resources such as ORR newsletters; ORR technical assistance materials, including the Rainbow Welcome Initiative's Best Practices and Successes from the Field and a 2013 Cultural Orientation Guidebook for Refugees; a series of print and web materials to support unauthorized practices of immigration law initiative, including 'The Wrong Help Can Hurt' video; and more. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource-library>
 - Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services Resources: <http://www.brycs.org/refugee-portal/index.cfm>

Key ORR program areas related to early childhood:

- **[Refugee School Impact](#)** – serves newly arriving refugee students (Ages 5-up to 18) through various school supports, and their families through parent involvement programs. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/school-impact>
- **[Microenterprise Development \(MED\) Program](#)**—MED aims to help refugees start, expand, or maintain a small business through business plan development, management, bookkeeping, micro-loans and marketing. ORR recently started a new **[MED home-based child care](#)** initiative to enable primarily refugee women to become entrepreneurs while simultaneously caring for their own children. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/microenterprise-development-home-based-child-care-3>

Additional ORR information for early childhood development and health/social service providers:

- **Refugee Women's Health**—Culturally/Linguistically targeted videos for Somali women, which includes information on pregnancy and birth spacing: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/refugee-health>
- **[National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#)**, a national, toll-free, 24-hour hotline in the United States (1-888-373-7888) that provides callers with crisis intervention, tip reporting, comprehensive services, anti-trafficking resources and referrals. *Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* campaign: www.rescueandrestore.org

Other National Resources

Child Care Aware® of America: www.usa.childcareaware.org

National Association for the Education of Young Children: www.NAEYC.org

Council for Professional Recognition: www.cdacouncil.org

Zero to Three: www.zerotothree.org